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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 31: Halloween

Nov. 4: Daylight Savings ends

Nov. 18: Cops 'N Gobblers

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Hello-ween, Mountain View

Welcome to the (late) autumnal edition of the Quarterly Cop! The Mountain View Police Department is committed to providing the city's residents with information on the police department, and this newsletter is the latest quarterly effort to give you, the resident, insight to topics the department is currently undertaking. Four times a year, this newsletter will be shared for you to view at your leisure. In this edition, we will discuss some autumn safety tips on daylight savings, some Halloween safety reminders as well as some car theft prevention reminders. Enjoy this latest edition of the Nextdoor-exclusive Quarterly Cop!

Hit that snooze button, we're about to fall back (to sleep)!

It's almost time for it to get lighter later and darker sooner – that's right, it's almost time to fall back!

Daylight Savings time is about to end, so say hello to that extra hour of sleep. But as we adjust to this much-welcome schedule change, make sure you check up on these safety tips too!

A lot of us can feel fatigued once Daylight Savings ends, and studies have shown that it takes people who work traditional hours several days to readjust their sleep schedule! Don't be surprised if you feel a bit sluggish after Nov. 4. In fact, if you do feel that way and you may be heading out on the road, think about taking public transit or calling a ride share service to get you safely home.

At home, make sure you check and replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. And don't forget to prepare a winter emergency kit for your car! Items in your kit can include a blanket, a flashlight, batteries, water, non-perishable snacks and jumper cables.

Also, make sure to check if your fire extinguisher needs to be recharged or replaced. It's always good to make sure that will work BEFORE you may actually need it.

Finally, check around your home for any hazardous materials that may need to be disposed of. Cleaning and gardening chemicals that are outdated, unused or in poor condition should be discarded so they are not within reach of pets, kids, or unsuspecting spouses!

Familiar Haunts on Halloween Safety

No tricks here when it comes to staying safe as you head out to grab your treats on Halloween. Just a few reminders about how we can all enjoy Halloween on the road!

1) Cars and Bicyclists

It's no surprise that trick-or-treaters will be out in full force this week as they make their way around town for their candy and ... well, their candy. Be sure to stay extra vigilant when you are out on two or four wheels.

Look both ways before heading out onto the road, pulling out of a driveway, or turning a corner. Be sure to slow down and have your lights on so that everyone can see you.

2) Pedestrians

There's never a shortage of awesome, creative and cool costumes here in Mountain View, but with so many goblins and ghouls making an appearance this week, we want to make sure everyone else can see you too!

Make sure to wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight with you at all times. Travel with your coven – never fly solo. And never meander out into the road unless you are in a crosswalk and you are given the sign that it's ok to go!

Keeping Your Cars in Your Driveways and Out of the Hands of Thieves

As we head into cooler weather – did anyone else notice that it was, dare we say, chilly this morning – there are a few steps we can take to ensure our vehicles stay in our driveways and out of the hands of thieves.

When you head out in the morning, never leave your car running while you head back inside to grab your bag, your lunch, your coffee, etc. Always stay with your vehicle while it is on. If you have to head back inside, turn off your car, lock your doors and take your keys with you.

The same could be said when you head in for the night. Don't leave any valuables inside your vehicle (bags, phones, wallets, etc.). We all know better and really, there's nothing worse than having your valuables taken by someone else. Cars are not safe spaces for you to leave valuables – the only place that is the case is your home!

When you head in for the night, park your car in your garage, lock your doors into your garage and make sure all windows on your vehicle are rolled up. If you do not have a garage, roll up your windows, lock your doors and double-check the locks before you head inside.

Let us know if you have any other tips in the comments below!

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